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From Your City Clerk

Michigan's New Photo ID Requirements

MICHIGAN'S NEW LAW MANDATES ALL VOTERS TO PRESENT VALID PHOTO ID AT THE POLLS OR COMPLETE AN AFFIDAVIT OF VOTER NOT IN POSSESSION OF PICTURE IDENTIFICATION.

Michigan's New Election Law mandates all registered voters to present valid photo identification at the polls effective November 6, 2007, before a ballot will be issued. Voters who arrive to their respective polling places without valid photo identification will be required to complete an Affidavit of Voter Not in Possession of Picture Identification before a ballot will be issued.

As we prepare to implement this New Michigan Election Law, my paramount interest as your City Clerk, is to ensure that no registered voter is disenfranchised or denied the right to vote in any of our polling locations. I, therefore, urge any Detroit voter who does not have a valid photo ID, to visit a Secretary of State branch office to obtain a Michigan Identification card (for those that do not drive)

prior to Election Day.

Below is a list of accepted forms of photo IDs:

- Michigan driver's license or a Michigan personal identification card
- Driver's license or Personal identification card issued by another state
- Federal or state government-issued photo identification
- U.S. Passport
- Military identification card with photo
- Current student identification card with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education.
- Tribal identification with photo

Again, those voters who arrive at their polling locations without a valid photo ID will be required to complete an Affidavit of Voter Not in Possession of Picture Identification before a ballot will be issued. If you have any questions concerning the new Michigan Voter ID Law, contact us at (313) 876-0190 or Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections at (517) 373-2540.

Let's be prepared!

THIS ISSUE FEATURES:

- Photo ID requirement
- Looking Ahead
- Detroit Pollworkers
- Sample Ballot for the Nov. 6, 2007 General Election
- Your Voting Location (See back cover)



CITY OF DETROIT

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LOOKING AHEAD

January 15, 2008—Presidential Primary

By Daniel A. Baxter, Director of Elections

Governor Jennifer Granholm has made it official – next year's Presidential Primary will be held on January 15, 2008.

What does this mean for the electorate in the city of Detroit?

Voters must be prepared to do the following when voting in the Presidential Primary:

To vote in the presidential primary, voters must indicate, in writing, which political party ballot he or she wishes to cast their vote with (forms will be available at the polling locations for voters to do so). This means that at least two types of ballots will be available at the polls on Election Day – Democratic or Republican.

If there are proposals and/or additional offices other than President on the ballot, a third ballot will be available to voters wishing to vote exclusively on proposals and offices other than President. Voters must specify that they desire to receive the third ballot to cast their vote.

Those who prefer to vote by absentee ballot must also, on their absentee voter application, specify which political party ballot or third ballot he or she

wishes to receive and vote by mail.

The law stipulates that the political party ballot selections made by the voters, who participate in the Presidential Primary, must be forwarded to the political parties to support party activities but cannot be shared with anyone else. Political parties may use the compiled political party ballot selection information and establish penalties for the misuse of the information.

In the August 5, 2008 State Primary and November 4, 2008 State General Elections, voters will not be asked to disclose any party preference information.

Voters must be aware that if both parties decide to use another method to select their respective delegates to nominate a President at their national convention, the Secretary of State may cancel the January 15th election. Under the law, by November 14, 2007, the chairperson of each participating political party must notify the Secretary of State if his or her party will be using a method other than the results of the January 15th Presidential Primary to select delegates to vote for president at their national convention. On November 15, 2007, if the Secretary of State determines that all participating political parties will be using a method other than the Presidential Primary she must cancel the election.

For more info regarding the Presidential Primary you may contact the Detroit Department of Elections at 313 876-0190.

Thank you Detroit Poll Workers

To work the polls in Detroit requires committing fifteen hours for training and three hours thereafter prior to every election for refresher training. The commitment does not end with just training. On Election Day, Poll workers are required to be at their assigned precincts at 5:45 A.M..

Mothers with little children have to make special arrangements for baby-sitting. Those without transportation have to be at the bus stations about an hour or an hour and a half early so as to meet the bus schedules. Even our beloved seniors that work the polls, are not exempt from the supreme sacrifices.

Upon arrival at their assigned

polling locations on Election Day, they are required to get the precincts ready for the voters before 7:00 A.M.(setting up the voting booths, posting signs, setting up the tabulating machines to accept ballots etc.).

Remember that these poll workers arrive at their locations at 5:45 A.M. They are required to remain at their assigned location until about 10 P.M. This is a commitment of about sixteen hours.

Thinking about these sacrifices, one wonders why someone will decide to be involved in such a challenging undertaking just for a one day's job. Should this be about making money? Well, compared to the amount that

an average poll worker receives, the money is not commensurate to the commitment. Some people take a day off from their better paying jobs in order to work the polls on Election Day. Is it about meeting other people? Well, there are other things one can do with time and still meet other people without committing an average of sixteen straight hours.

What benefit does one derive for such a supreme commitment? As I wrestled unsuccessfully for an answer, something came to mind and I decided to inquire from some of our poll workers. They stated that their commitment to work the polls was born out of their spirit of patriotism, commitment to

make a difference and to guard the door of democracy so that it will not perish from the face of the earth. President Abraham Lincoln reminded us of this in his Gettysburg address to the young Nation.

To all Detroit poll workers, who make these supreme sacrifices every year, we salute you for your support to the process and for assisting the Department of Elections.

Without you, it will almost be impossible to conduct an election in the city of Detroit. We are appreciative of your sacrifices and ask that you do not relent in your services to the citizens of this great city.

INSTRUCTION BALLOT
FOR VOTERS

ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2007

CITY OF DETROIT

REMEMBER!

IN ORDER TO VOTE YOU MUST SHOW A
VALID PHOTO ID OR SIGN AN
AFFIDAVIT OF VOTER NOT IN
POSSESSION OF PICTURE IDENTIFICATION
AT THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY

*See cover story for acceptable forms of Photo ID

MICHIGAN

OPERATOR LICENSE
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EXPIRES
06-26-2009

JOHN T. VOTER
1234 LAKESIDE BLVD.
DETROIT MI 48201

Date of birth 06-26-1966 **Sex** M **Height** 509 **Eyes** BRO **Lic Type** O **Endorsements** NONE

Restrictions: NONE

See back for medical information, anatomical gift

OR

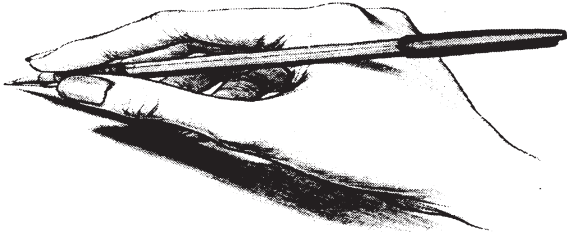
AFFIDAVIT OF VOTER NOT IN POSSESSION OF PICTURE IDENTIFICATION	
I, _____ hereby affirm that I am (Print Name)	
not in possession of a driver's license, a state-issued personal identification card or any other acceptable form of picture identification and wish to vote.	
By signing this affidavit, I swear that the statements made above are true.	
SIGNATURE OF VOTER: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____	
Penalty: Making a false statement in this affidavit is perjury, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.	
To be completed by Election Inspector	
Sworn and subscribed to before me this _____ day of _____,	
I certify that the elector named above has completed the above affidavit in my presence.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ Signature of Election Inspector	

VOTING IN DETROIT JUST GOT FRIENDLIER IT'S AS EASY AS 1-2-3

STEP 1: Locate the candidates for whom you wish to cast a vote.

U.S. SENATOR (Vote for ONE)		U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (Vote for ONE)	
_____ EVERETT DIRKSEN	<input type="radio"/>	_____ WILLIAM B. WILSON	<input type="radio"/>
_____ CHARLES CURTIS	<input type="radio"/>	_____ ROBERT LAFOLLETTE	<input type="radio"/>
_____ JOHN HANCOCK	<input type="radio"/>	_____ W. C. REDFIELD	<input type="radio"/>
_____ NELSON W. ALDRICH	<input type="radio"/>	_____ JAMES WADSWORTH	<input type="radio"/>
_____ WRITE-IN	<input type="radio"/>	_____ WRITE-IN	<input type="radio"/>

STEP 2: TO VOTE: Shade in the ovals to the right of the candidate of your choice.

U.S. SENATOR (Vote for ONE)		
_____ EVERETT DIRKSEN	<input type="radio"/>	
_____ CHARLES CURTIS	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	
_____ JOHN HANCOCK	<input type="radio"/>	
_____ NELSON W. ALDRICH	<input type="radio"/>	
_____ WRITE-IN	<input type="radio"/>	

STEP 3: Insert the ballot into the tabulator.



TO CAST A WRITE-IN VOTE:

- *Select the authorized Write-in candidate(s) for whom you wish to vote.
- *Write the candidate's name in the space provided.
- *Shade in the oval to the right of the candidates name.

REMEMBER

1. Study your ballot carefully, decide which candidates you will vote for before making any marks on your ballot.
2. Vote the entire ballot.
3. If you spoil your ballot, ask for another one.

Elecciones Escolares
Martes, 6 de Noviembre, 2007
Condado de Wayne, Michigan
Ciudad de Detroit

PARA VOTAR: Rellene oscureciendo completamente el óvalo opuesto a cada elección que elija tal como está marcado aquí: ()

IMPORTANTE: Para marcar su papeleta, solamente use una pluma de tinta negra o azul. **¡NO USE NINGÚN OTRO COLOR DE TINTA!**

NO vote por más candidatos que los que se indican bajo cada título de cargo.

INSERTO DE CANDIDATURA: Para votar por un candidato cuyo nombre no está impreso en la papeleta, escriba o introduzca el nombre del candidato en el espacio en blanco provisto, y rellene oscureciendo completamente el óvalo. No vote con un inserto de candidatura por un candidato cuyo nombre ya esté impreso en la papeleta para ese cargo.

CUANDO HAYA TERMINADO DE VOTAR: Coloque la papeleta en el sobre de confidencialidad para que no se puedan ver los votos y que esté visible el talón enumerado. Regrésele la papeleta al oficial de elecciones situado en el tabulador. (Si está votando con papeleta de ausencia, siga las instrucciones provistas por el oficial para regresarles la papeleta)

ATENCIÓN: Si comete un error, regrese su papeleta al oficial de elecciones y obtenga una nueva papeleta. No intente borrar o corregir cualquier marca hecha por error.

الانتخابات التمهيدية
الثلاثاء، ٦-١١-٢٠٠٧
مقاطعة وين، ميشيغن • مدينة ديترويت

١- **أيها الناخب العزيز:** فيما يلي ترجمة حرفية للتعليمات التي يجب ان تتبعها لتصوّت في الانتخابات التي ستعقد في ديترويت في نفس التاريخ أعلاه.

٢- **طريقة التصويت:** إملاً الشكل البيضاوي الظاهر إلى جانب المرشح معبراً عن رغبتك. مثال: ()

٣- **ملاحظة مهمة:** استعمل قلم حبر أسود أو أزرق فقط. لا تستعمل أي حبر من لون آخر. لا تصوّت لعدد من المرشحين أكثر من العدد الذي يظهر تحت المنصب.

٤- **التصويت لمرشحين لم يدوّنوا على بطاقة التصويت:** إذا كنت ترغب أن تصوّت لمرشح لا يظهر اسمه على بطاقة التصويت اكتب اسمه في الفسحة المخصصة لهذا الغرض ثم إملاً الفراغ. لا تكتب اسم أي مرشح إذا كان اسمه ظاهراً على البطاقة لذلك المنصب.

٥- **بعد التصويت:** بعد أن تفرغ من التصويت، ضع البطاقة في المغلف السري بحيث تخفي صوتك وتظهر القسم الأعلى المحتوي على نمرة البطاقة، ثم ارجع البطاقة إلى موظف الانتخابات الموجود إلى جانب آلة التصويت. (إذا كنت تصوّت غيابياً فما عليك إلا أن تتبع التعليمات المرسلة من قبل كاتبة المدينة).

٦- **الأخطاء:** إذا حصل منك أي خطأ في التصويت، ارجع بطاقة التصويت إلى موظف الانتخابات واحصل على بطاقة أخرى. لا تحاول أن تمحي أو تصلح أي علامة وضعت بالغلط.

**VOTER: PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE STUB.
IF STUB DETACHES, PLEASE RETURN WITH BALLOT**

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Tuesday, November 6, 2007
Wayne County, Michigan
City of Detroit

TO VOTE: Completely darken the oval opposite each choice as shown: ()

IMPORTANT: To mark your ballot, use only a black or blue ink pen. **DO NOT USE ANY OTHER INK COLOR!**

DO NOT vote for more candidates than indicated under each office title.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES: To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or place the name of that candidate in the blank space provided, and **completely darken the oval**. Do not cast a write-in vote for a candidate whose name is already printed on the ballot for that office.

WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING: Place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve so that the votes cannot be seen and the numbered stub is visible. Return the ballot to the election official stationed at the tabulator. (If voting by absentee ballot, follow the instructions provided by the clerk for returning the ballot.)

NOTE: If you make a mistake, return your ballot to the election official and obtain a new ballot. Do not attempt to erase or correct any marks made in error.

<p>LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT</p> <p>MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION</p> <p>Vote for not more than 1</p>	<p>LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSAL</p>	<p>COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROPOSAL</p>
	<p>DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVISORY QUESTION</p>	<p>WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT MILLAGE REAUTHORIZATION</p>

See List (below) for District Office Candidates			Shall the Board of Education of the Detroit Public Schools District request that the State of Michigan assume responsibility for all or a portion of the \$213 million dollar loan to the District, which was provided to address the operating deficit incurred by the School Reform Board of the District?		PROPOSAL Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Community College District be increased by one dollar and fifty cents per thousand dollars (1.5 mills) of the taxable value of all taxable property in the College District for a period of ten (10) years, 2011 to 2020, inclusive, as new additional millage replacing a prior millage authorization approved by the electors which shall expire with the 2010 levy, to provide funds for all community college purposes authorized by law? It is estimated that 1.5 mills would raise approximately \$51,839,157 when first levied in 2011.	
			<div>YES</div> <div>NO</div>		<div>YES</div> <div>NO</div>	
<div>BOARD OF EDUCATION</div> <div>DISTRICT CANDIDATES</div> <div>DISTRICT 1</div> <div>CARLA SCOTT</div> <div>TAWANNA SIMPSON</div> <div>DISTRICT 2</div> <div>JONATHAN C. KINLOCH</div> <div>OTIS MATHIS</div> <div>DISTRICT 3</div> <div>ANNIE CARTER</div> <div>DWIGHT S. THOMAS</div> <div>DISTRICT 4</div> <div>RAMON PATRICK</div> <div>TYRONE E. WINFREY</div> <div>DISTRICT 5</div> <div>JOYCE HAYES-GILES</div> <div>SANDRA HINES</div> <div>DISTRICT 6</div> <div>TERRY CATCHINGS</div> <div>PAULA JOHNSON</div> <div>DISTRICT 7</div> <div>MARVIS COFIELD</div>						
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From the Desk of the Director

On Tuesday, November 6, 2007, an Election will be held in Detroit for the purpose of electing candidates for the Board of Education of the Detroit Public Schools. The Election is citywide. Therefore, each of the seven (7) School Board Districts will have candidates to appear on their respective ballots. A Detroit Public Schools advisory question and a Wayne County Community College District millage reauthorization proposal will also appear on the ballot.

To determine your respective school board district and polling location, please refer to the above political composition chart. The chart features your school board district, voting location and your district and precinct.

Also, please be advised that due to school closures, building changes and a decrease in registered voters in Detroit, precincts were consolidated. Prior to the consolidation, Detroit had 620 precincts. We now have 529 precincts. Voters who are affected by the precinct consolidation will receive new voter registration cards prior to Election Day.

REMEMBER:

- When going to vote on Election Day, be prepared to show an acceptable form of photo identification. If you do not have photo identification, to vote you must fill out and sign an Affidavit of Voter Not in Possession of Picture Identification.
- You must vote at your assigned district and precinct. Michigan Election Law mandates that the address on your driver's license or state identification card must match your voter registration address. Therefore, if the address on your driver's license or state identification card is different from the address on the above political composition chart, chances are you are not registered to vote in the above district and precinct.
- If you are not certain where to vote, please do not hesitate to contact the Registration Division of the Department of Elections at (313) 876-0190.
- Study your sample ballot and the voting instructions before Election Day and you will be properly equipped to engage in the democratic process.
- The polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Anyone in line before the polls close will be allowed to vote.
- When voting, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate of your choice.